

READY TO SHOW CASE.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR LAND BANK HEARING.

Various Phases Will be Concisely Presented to Federal Farm Board.

Columbia, Oct. 23.—The hearing before the federal loan board Wednesday promises to be largely attended by interested farmers and bankers from all parts of the state. The Columbia committee has received numbers of letters stating that delegations will be present to show interest in the new system and to endorse Columbia's claim for one of the land banks.

Many of the trade organizations of the different cities in the state have formally adopted resolutions endorsing Columbia, and several of them have appointed large delegations to attend. Charleston is showing a very keen interest in the matter and will send a strong delegation to back Columbia's fight. Very many bankers in different sections are also greatly interested and members of them will be here for the hearing with endorsements of Columbia.

As the hearing comes in the midst of fair week, there will naturally be a great many farmers in the city, and the large number of farm loan associations which have been organized will be well represented by their members. The board is particularly anxious to have farmers at the hearing.

The committee in charge of the hearing has prepared a programme for the purpose of presenting the needs of the state in a systematic and comprehensive way, and in as brief a time as possible. Different topics have been assigned to different speakers, and among the speakers will be Gov. Manning, ex-Gov. Heyward, Commissioner Watson, President Morrison of the Farmers' union, President Dunning of the State Bankers' association, President Huggs of Clemson college, Director Long of the farm demonstration work, and others who are familiar with the farm needs of the state.

The farm loan board will arrive here Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning from Raleigh, and will travel in a private car. Suitable entertainment will be given the members of the board during the time they are in Columbia. They will stay at the Columbia hotel.

The hearing is expected to start at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday morning and will be held in the federal court room, postoffice building.

OFF ON SOUTHERN TOUR.

Washington, Oct. 23.—Members of the farm loan board, who will visit several Southern cities, seeking locations for the establishment of farm loan banks, left Washington today and their first stop is Richmond. Tomorrow the advantages of that city will be considered, then those of Raleigh, Columbia, Jacksonville, Birmingham and others. The city of Birmingham sent along two special representatives who will accompany the board and who will keep the people of Birmingham fully advised as to the showing of the cities visited before Birmingham is reached. Hugh W. Roberts goes along as the special man for the Birmingham Age-Herald, Mr. Roberts being its Washington correspondent at the present time.

He was advised by his paper before leaving to keep in close touch with the board and to let the people of Birmingham know, each day the impression that the cities visited before Birmingham made on the minds of the board, what to expect when the board reaches that city.

"The Birmingham people," Mr. Roberts said just before leaving Washington, "are determined that nothing shall prevent them from securing one of the banks, and while they know that some of the other cities will offer many advantages they feel confident that they will win when the board has canvassed all the facts offered by the various places."

"It is known here that Birmingham has been bringing the strongest kind of political influence to bear to have that city get one of the banks, and has set up the fact that in every other way it is entitled to have the bank."

The board will carefully consider the merits of Columbia, Jacksonville and other places to be visited and those cities should make the strongest possible fight if they expect to win. Not only should the resources which they possess be properly set before the board but as good and representative a delegation of citizens as possible should be present to convince the board of the importance of the showing made.

SEVEN AEROPLANES SHOT DOWN.

Paris, Oct. 21.—Seven German aeroplanes were shot down in air battles over the Somme front last night, the war office announced in supplemental communique today. Elsewhere on the front four other German machines were damaged, French airmen bombarded Noyon and Chauncy.

WILL STEER CLEAR OF WAR.

WILSON SAYS HE BELIEVES THAT HE CAN KEEP THIS COUNTRY FROM HORRORS OF WAR.

Tells Crowd of Farmers, Engineers and Architects He is Convinced That Firecaters Will Not be Able to Unseat Him in November.

Long Branch, N. J., Oct. 21.—In a speech devoted primarily to a discussion of the need for economic preparedness in the United States, President Wilson told a delegation of farmers, architects and engineers here today that he did not expect the United States to get into war.

"I know that the way in which we have preserved peace is objected to," said the president, "and that certain gentlemen say they would have taken some other way that would inevitably have resulted in war, but I am not expecting this country to get into war, partly because I am not expecting these gentlemen to have a chance to make a mess of it."

Taking the work done by the administration for the farmers as his text Mr. Wilson declared: "We want the privilege of representing the whole force of the nation."

He demanded that men be put through a "third degree" in respect to where they stand with regard to love of the United States and said he was glad the campaign was nearly over "because I am in a hurry to get down to business again."

"There is a great deal of irresponsible talk being indulged in," declared the president in discussing the campaign. "Men are saying things they know perfectly well they can not make good on and it disturbs the nation's councils. On the 7th of November we will call time."

Mr. Wilson said the Democratic party had been trying to take the government out of the control of small groups and "square it with the counsel of the whole nation."

In detail he told of work being done to mobilize the industrial resources of the nation, saying "one of the great lessons of the European war has been that the economic coordination and cooperation of the country is just as important as the military cooperation of it."

The occasion of the president's address was the call of the "Farmers' and Architects and Engineers' Association."

The architects and engineers from New York, led by a band, came to the West End railroad station by train and marched to the president's summer home to hear the address. Farmers from New Jersey and other nearby States came to the celebration, several hundred of them in automobiles.

In his speech here today President Wilson said in part:

"We owe this much to our Republican predecessors, that they exercised such long and systematic neglect that it was necessary for us to undertake systematic performance. Things will not wait forever to be performed. Not only that, but circumstances will not wait upon everything that ought to be done; some of the things must be done and done promptly."

"This administration has had the singular advantage of having a great body of national sentiment behind it which had long stood ready to support such measures as it adopted. I do not know whether the systematic neglect to which I referred was deliberate or not. I only know that it was thoroughgoing and that an absolutely free field was left for the present administration."

The president then reviewed the benefits of the federal reserve act and the rural credits act.

"The agricultural products of this country," he continued, "judged by our opportunities and our social and our native capacity ought to be twice what they are at present and instead of the possibility of shortage there ought always to be the certainty of exportation of large bodies of grain from the United States."

"I do not wonder that the gentlemen out of whose hands it has been taken are uneasy because they are genuinely of the opinion that they only know how to run the country. The United States is beginning to understand itself and it is beginning to understand these gentlemen. One of the great lessons of the European war has been that the economic mobilization of the country, the economic coordination and cooperation of it is just as important as the corporation of it."

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RELATED OVER VICTORY.

Sumter Boys Much Pleased at Result of Contest in Rock Hill—Used Chewing Gum to Make Forward Pass.

The Sumter high school boys returned to Sumter Saturday night much elated over their victory over the Rock Hill high school team on Friday afternoon at the York County fair. The game was 12 to 0 in Sumter's favor.

The Sumter boys reported that the Rock Hill team was much heavier than theirs and that the game was played for the most part in a drizzling rain with the ground soggy, so that neither team could get up much speed. The ball was slick with mud so that the forward passes on which the Sumter boys relied against their heavier opponents could not be worked, as the ball could not be passed.

Some of the boys devised a scheme new in the annals of football to eliminate this trouble, a scheme which worked beautifully on one occasion for a long pass and a touchdown on the next two plays. Some of the boys had been chewing gum in the game and Burt Haynsworth, who on a dry day can easily make a thirty yard pass, smeared his good right hand liberally with this sticky composition. It worked like a charm. He caught the ball as it was passed to him. The gum gave him an effective hold on it and the pass to Purdy was made for a twenty-five yard gain. Which goes to show that the brains of high school boys are active in play, when they can rise to an occasion's needs.

This is the second game the boys have played and placed on the credit side of the ledger. The Rock Hill Herald of Saturday says of the game:

The football game yesterday after-

noon was witnessed by many and a good clean, hard-played game it was. Sumter defeated Rock Hill 12 to 0, but the game was nothing like as uneven as the score would indicate. The Sumter lads simply outplayed the local eleven, but had to fight hard for their every gain.

In the first and third quarters Rock Hill held the visitors nicely. In the second, and in the fourth, by a series of forward passes and line bucks they carried the ball over for a touchdown, but failed to kick goal. The locals showed up much better than in the initial game with York, the improvement being noted all along the line.

The Sumter boys came up yesterday morning and returned this morning. While here they were the guests of

the local eleven. Prof. Long accompanied the visitors.

The officials in yesterday's game were Whitner, referee; Long, N. C., umpire; Joe Roddy, head linesman.

YOUTH IS WOUNDED.

William Burts of Laurens Loses Arm. Laurens, Oct. 21.—William Burts, the 17 year old son of Thomas H. Burts of the Woodrow Wilson section of the county was badly wounded yesterday, his left arm to the elbow being practically shot off as the result of an accident while out rabbit hunting. The young man was immediately brought to the local hospital where his arm was amputated just above the elbow.

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